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1. The following loadings were observed at the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) railroad station:
- 10 April. Fifteen T-34 tanks, 2 radio trucks, 2 tank trucks, and 4 mortars. The train left toward Weisswasser (O 52/A 74).
- 10 April. Five T-34 tanks, 1 radio truck, 2 tank trucks, also dispatched toward Weisswasser.
- 15 April. Thirteen T-34 tanks and troops on 8 boxcars. The train left toward Weisswasser. (1)

On 16 April, a train with 15 T-34 tanks, 4 trucks, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ammunition and billeting equipment on six boxcars passed through Cottbus. (2). On 11 April, a train with 47 new trucks arrived at Cottbus from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. Fourteen of these trucks were dispatched to Weisswasser, 9 trucks to Luebben (N 52/A 29) and 24 toward Falkenberg (N 52/E 74). Another train with 55 new trucks passed through Cottbus from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeded toward Falkenberg the same day. (3)

2. On 18 April, a convoy of 10 trucks loaded with billeting equipment, kitchen utensils and sporting articles was parked between Stammlager Borsen in Tuensdorf-Borsen (N 52/Z 21) and the komendatura on Highway No 96, headed toward Borsen. [REDACTED]

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3. On 16 April, 10 trucks [REDACTED] each towing a 76.2-mm field gun, and troops with red-bordered black epaulets on 20 boxcars were loaded at the Jena (N 51/J 66) railroad station. (5)

4. On 10 and 11 April, a total of 80 [REDACTED] trucks were detrained at the Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) railroad station. On 17 April, about 300 troops with red-bordered black epaulets, 4 rocket launchers and 25 trucks [REDACTED] were unloaded at the Schwepnitz railroad station north of Koenigsbrueck and subsequently moved to the camp in the woods near Keissholz, west of Schwepnitz. Thirty-six trucks [REDACTED] carrying about 250 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded at the east railroad station, Koenigsbrueck, on 18 April, and 36 trucks [REDACTED] with about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 20 April. Three tank cars arrived at the Koenigsbrueck main railroad station on 16 April and again on 17 April and 2 tank cars with fuel arrived there on 20 April. Effective 12 April, Highway

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No 97 was blocked from Koenigsbrueck to Schwepnitz. (6)

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[] Comments.

- (1) The movement of the 9th Mecz Div to Weisswasser is known []
- (2) The vehicles belong to the 10th Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Mecz Div. It is possible that [] the train also carried a component of the 9th Mecz Div and was coming from Lubben.
- (3) Incoming shipments of new trucks from the U.S.S.R. The 9th Mecz Div apparently received 23 vehicles.
- (4) [] a component of the unidentified AAA Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The report does not indicate whether the truck convoy carried replacements for the AAA batteries in the Wunsdorf area or whether it carried troops moving to an AAA firing range.
- (5) [] an artillery unit of the 20 Gds Mecz Div was loaded. Several components of the division from Jena and Seitz were at Chudraf for short-term practice during the second half of March. []
- (6) The units detrained on 17 and 18 April belong to the 8th Gds Mecz Div. Reports from Grima and Surzen contained information on shipments to Koenigsbrueck. [] The camp referred to in the present report is probably the troop camp northwest of Schwepnitz on the road to Zeisholz. The unit unloaded on 18 April belongs to the 11th Gds Tank Div. [] shipments to have been dispatched from Dresden on 17 April. []

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